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TO: Division File

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SUBJECT: LPC 1630450038 - St. Clair County - East St. Louis/Wastex Research
Subpart F - Groundwater Monitoring

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Chuck Reeter

On September 17, 1985, a Subpart F groundwater monitoring inspection was conducted at the Wastex Research facility by Chuck Reeter and Steve Davis of the Agency. Joe Burroughs, Chief Engineer, of Wastex met and accompanied us during the inspection. Wastex accepts liquid hazardous wastes from generators, primarily in steel drums which are stored on site. The wastes are then decanted and blended to produce raw fuels.

No groundwater monitoring program has been implemented by Wastex Research, pending the outcome of the legal action. The essence of concern is the surface impoundment, which Wastex considers to be a spill containment structure. It was explained to Joe that the Subpart F violations would remain in effect until the litigation was resolved, and that no CIL would be sent because of the current enforcement action. Consequently, only the first page (tracker form) of the Subpart F inspection package was completed.

A walk around inspection was made of the facility. About 3800 steel drums of stored hazardous waste were observed in one of the buildings. A watery liquid was seen in the basement through holes in the main floor of the building where the drums were stored. The "surface impoundment" underneath the storage tanks was found to be clean and free of any wastes, while the integrity of the concrete structure seemed to be intact. The two (2) hazardous waste incinerators were also seen during the inspection of the facility. The incinerators are currently non-operational and in storage. An off-site building was inspected where the non-hazardous waste pile was previously stored. The waste pile had been removed and cleaned in 1984.

Subpart F Violations

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